Contractual Production of Pulses

676. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have contractual production of several pulses in foreign countries to augment the availability of pluses and to contain their price rise in the country;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the existing production of pulses in the country is not upto the mark; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to boost production of pulses rather than having contractuals with foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There is no such decision.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes Sir, production of pulses has been less than target.

(d) To increase production of pulses a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project is under implementation in 26 States/U.T. Under this project, farmers are assisted for production and distribution of seeds, sprinklers, Rhizobial & PSB culture, improved farm implements, dal processors and storage bins etc. In addition demonstrations are also organised on the farmers field to propagate the improved production technology.

State-Level Minorities' Finance and Development Corporations

677. CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States where State-level Minorities' Finance and Development Corporations have since been set up; in which years each of these was set up;

(b) what is the total amount of the loans given each year after the setting up of these corporations; and

(c) what is the amount of the bank loans given each year and how many persons benefited from this?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka & Uttar Pradesh have so far set up State Minorities Finance & Development Corporations on the dates mentioned against them:—

(i) Andhra Pradesh State Minorities Finance Corporation Ltd. on 19.1.1985.

(ii) Bihar State Minorities Financial Corporation Ltd. on 24.12.1983.

(iii) Karnataka Minorities Development Corporation Ltd. on 7.2.1986.

(iv) Uttar Pradesh Alp Sankhyak Vittiya Avam Vikas Nigam Ltd. on 17.11.1984.

(b) The information is given in the annexed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The information is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 174, Annexure No. 22]

Statement

Year	Loan Distributed			(Rs. Lakhs)
	Andhra Pradesh	Karnataka	Uttar Pradesh	Bihar
1984-85	—	—	—	4.78
85-86	7.85	—	—	17.13
86-87	109.09	1.98	28.09	27.35
87-88	85.93	38.45	85.00	24.46
88-89	78.63	23.75	123.66	13.32
89-90	92.41	20.38	189.40	14.52
90-91	175.04	34.01	120.77	13.40
91-92	144.91	56.63	101.00	—
92-93	154.30	142.27	53.21	—
93-94	150.01	199.94	57.60	3.32
94-95	147.45	213.75	82.57	NA

Criticism of the Delhi Rent Control Bill

678. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI JAGMOHAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received wide criticism on the Delhi Rent Control Bill;

(b) if so, the details of the representations received by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to make further amendments in the Bill in consultation with Delhi Government and other highly affected communities; and

(d) if so, by when and further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Numerous representations have been received both in favour of the Delhi Rent Bill, 1995 and against certain provisions of the Bill relating mainly to deemed rent, registration of tenancy agreement, inheritability of tenancy, rate of enhancement of rent and recovery of possession of premises. This Bill has already been passed by both Houses of Parliament and is presently awaiting the assent of the President.

Patents Policy

679. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 19th July, 1995 captioned "UD panel moots patents policy";

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether a committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to suggest measure for evolving a patents culture and policy for the University has given its recommendations and the same considered by the University; and

(c) what is the present stage of patents and action the Central Government propose to take in this regard

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the former Vice-Chancellor of the University had constituted a Committee for evolving a patents culture and patents policy for the University. The report submitted by this Committee was placed before the Academic Council of the University at its meeting held on July 19, 1995 but the Council decided to defer its consideration.